

TRAFFIC SAFETY AWARDS NOMINATION 2007

- 1) Category: Speeding-related Collisions
- 2) Entry Name: Speeding Pilot Project: Pierce and Snohomish Counties law enforcement and task force coordinators
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- 4) Project Identification: When speeding became a priority program at WTSC in federal fiscal year 2006, it became necessary to determine a protocol to follow to reduce speeding-related collisions and average speeds. Following analysis of WSDOT collision data and other factors, two counties were selected as pilot project sites: Pierce and Snohomish. Three reasons were behind the selection of these two counties: enthusiastic law enforcement, excellent record-keeping, and organized task force coordinators.

Preliminary evaluation results from the project indicate that the number of drivers traveling more than eleven miles over the posted speed were reduced from 3% to 93.8% in Snohomish County; and from 67.9% to 100% in Pierce County.

The task force coordinator for Snohomish County, Tracy McMillan, and for Pierce County, Gloria Mansfield Averill, deserve a Traffic Safety Award because of their dedication to this project; their willingness to coordinate law enforcement meetings, schedules, and large volumes of paperwork; and because of their ability to be flexible in changing circumstances. This project was beyond the scope of their project agreements and they both handled the extra demands upon their time cheerfully and patiently. They should be recognized for these accomplishments.

Participating law enforcement agencies (see list below) deserve a Traffic Safety Award because they approached this project professionally and with enthusiasm for its goals. Even the smallest agencies participated in the over-time patrols.

Snohomish County law enforcement should be recognized for using this project as an opportunity to work together outside their usual jurisdictions, for testing their ability to communicate, and for working in highly adverse weather conditions. In addition, they were instrumental in extending the original boundaries of the project areas based upon their valuable anecdotal knowledge of road conditions in the county.

Pierce County law enforcement should also be recognized for their on-going cooperation and willingness to work together outside

their local jurisdictions. This spirit is manifested in the DUI patrols that occur regularly outside this project but whose on-going relationships made this project very easy to coordinate.

These groups have consistently met or exceeded the goals of the grants they have received from WTSC. They all deserve a Traffic Safety Award because of their innovation, dedication to the project, and enthusiastic support for traffic enforcement.

Pierce County Participating Law Enforcement Agencies

Bonney Lake Police Department
DuPont Police Department
Eatonville Police Department
Fife Police Department
Lakewood Police Department
Puyallup Police Department
Ruston Police Department
Steilacoom Police Department
Sumner Police Department
Tacoma Police Department
Pierce County Sheriff's Office
Washington State Patrol District 2

Snohomish County Participating Law Enforcement Agencies

Arlington Police Department
Bothell Police Department
Brier Police Department
Edmonds Police Department
Lake Stevens Police Department
Lynnwood Police Department
Marysville Police Department
Monroe Police Department
Mountlake Terrace Police Department
Sultan Police Department
Stanwood Police Department
Snohomish Police Department
Snohomish County Sheriff's Office
Washington State Patrol District 7